



Woolverstone News

July 26th 2018

Dear All

It is parched and there is no sign of this dry spell ending anytime soon. The long range weather forecast sees a largely dry and sunny August. It does make you wonder about the Anglo Saxon bishop St Swithin who, according to legend, was reinterred in Winchester Cathedral, against his wishes, on 15th July and it rained for the following forty days. Hence the rhyme we know:

*St Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare*

Sadly, weather records do not support the forecast contained in this rhyme. However, there is a general truth; that the summer's weather, set by the "jet stream", has usually settled into place by this time. This summer may well be one where the predictions around St Swithin's Day come (mostly) true!

Babergh District Council – Land Supply figures

Good news for us! The fact that BDC now have a greater than 5 year housing supply means the Council's Local Plan policies apply rather than the default position of government's National Planning Policy Framework. This should mean Babergh is less subject to speculative planning bids and there should be a greater level of protection. However, we'll have to see how that plays out with the legislation that the government released on the last day of the parliamentary sitting 24th July (Hmm...) relating to the NPPF and a new Housing Delivery Test against which Councils will be judged to see whether they are making appropriate progress towards government set targets. Developers will be able to ignore local council plans if fewer than 75% of homes required are built. This could lead to yet more speculative development in the countryside. We will have to wait and see.

Please read BDC press release:

“Babergh District Council has published its Annual Monitoring Report, demonstrating a Housing Land Supply of 6.7 years – meeting the government’s requirement of 5 Years.

As of today, Wednesday 11 July, the Council considers it can demonstrate this land supply, meaning that Babergh can prove that there is enough deliverable land to meet the number of homes that need to be built over that period to meet housing need.

The Council has been unable to demonstrate this land supply since April 2017, but now the updated figure has been made possible as a result of a proactive approach to delivery.

The National Planning Policy Framework specifies that, if the Council cannot demonstrate a 5 year Housing Land Supply local planning policy for the supply of housing should not be considered up to date and thus carry less weight. With the publication of the updated 5 year land supply position planning officers will now be reviewing all current application and pre-application enquiries on which this has a bearing. This includes all applications for which formal planning permission has not yet been issued.

Now that Babergh can demonstrate a 5 Year Housing Land Supply, the Council will have greater control to implement the local policies that District Councillors have endorsed, and puts the Council in a stronger position to refuse inappropriate proposals.

Cllr Nick Ridley, Babergh District Council’s Cabinet Member for Planning, said: “The scale of the housing challenge in the UK is clear: a great many local planning authorities do not have a 5 Year Housing Land Supply as demand for housing rises. Thanks to the tough choices taken at Babergh, both by our Planning Committee and by the Cabinet, Babergh is now one of the authorities who can demonstrate a supply. This will give us more room to shape housing delivery within the district and ensure we build the housing our communities need, with as much local influence over developments within the district.”

The full Annual Monitoring Report is available online at:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base/annual-monitoring-report-amr/> “

Annual Canvass of voters

Recently, you should have received your annual canvass form to collect information about residents who are eligible to vote.

Local History

Have you looked at our Facebook page yet? If not, stop by and see how it is growing. In the last month we have added snippets about the Cat House, Robin Knox-Johnston and his boat *Suhaili*, the last epidemic of Plague on the Peninsula, a short film about a caravan holiday at Woolverstone Marina shot in 1957. This is a real treat dug up by Lorraine Wildbore. We’ll see if we can do a screening in Berners Hall in the autumn. Plus, there is also a link to someone with a copy of the 1958 Woolverstone Estate sale catalogue. This is the second sale, the first was in December 1937. Find out more and contribute your local knowledge, too. Our Facebook page is called: Woolverstone: Notes and Queries. Here’s the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2044317292447243/>

Please take a look at the site. It would be of huge interest if we gathered history of the older houses in the village and the memories of villagers of Woolverstone in the past before they are

lost to us. Please join the group and feel free to add information and photographs about our historic village. Or, indeed, ask questions!

Classics on the Park

Friends of Woolverstone held its inaugural "Classics on the Park" classic vehicle event on 12th July. It was well supported. We were blessed with beautiful weather. There were 75 pre-1970 cars and nearly 30 classic motorbikes. The afternoon was organised by Jenny Young. Refreshments were served in the beautiful gardens of Dairy House by kind permission of Sue and Tony Cotton. A big "Thank you" to them and all the helpers who made the day happen. A BBQ ran for much of the afternoon delivering exceptional burgers. The Beer tent offered cooling beverages.

Best in Show: was won David and Lyn Pearce (no relation) from over the river in Nacton with the cream Alvis featured in the photo at the top of the page. The Treasure Hunt was won by David Skinner from Frinton-on-Sea in a Riley.

There were many cries of "See you next year!" We'll have to wait and see what next year brings.

Advanced notice

Art Show and Sale. Berners Hall - Sat 1st and Sunday 2nd September

We are having an Art Show and Sale on Sat 1st and Sun 2nd September in Berners Hall. The show will be open from 10.00 - 5.00 pm on both days. This will be an opportunity to view and buy local artist's work. There will also be a book sale focussing on art books as well as other interesting items e.g. antique prints of local places. The sale will also include a "silent auction" for the chance to own one of several original works by a local artist or of local interest.

There will be refreshments available throughout the day.

If you would like show your work the fee will be £10 per day (£20.00 for the two days) and 15% commission from any sales. You will need to provide your own display boards. We have a number of tables available.

If you would like to book a place please contact me, Simon Pearce. (Tel:780009 or Email: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk) Places are limited and going fast.

Some Dates for your Diary:

St Michael's Churchyard. Maintenance team. Friday 3rd August. 10.00 -12.00

Restoration and maintenance volunteers: keeping our churchyard and open spaces beautiful. We are meeting at St Michael's at 10.00 a.m. Grass cutting and clearing around Headstones.

Monthly Morning Market at St Michael's Church. Saturday 11th Aug. 9.00 – 12.30

The theme this month is: Pet Market

"St Michael's Monthly Morning Market is having another "Pet Market" so please bring along your dogs, donkeys etc." Don't miss the bacon butties and Woolverstone sausage! East End Butchers are here. There will be local fruit and veg from Tattingstone, local crafts, plants and trees and much more.

Take a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and buy some local produce in the most beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

Art Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday September 1st and 2nd 10.00 – 5.00

Art Show and Sale held in Berners Hall. This offers a chance to view and buy the work of local artists. There will be a silent auction to own original works of local interest. There will be refreshments available throughout the day. Come and support our local artists.

Grove Shooting Club - Chelmondiston

50 Clay Pigeon Open Charity Shoot

Saturday 1st September 2018

Hill Farm, Hollow Lane, Chelmondiston, IP9 1JU, Just Off B1456

£15 First Round, £12 Second Round, £100 First Prize

Novices Welcome, FIBRE WAD CARTRIDGES ONLY

For further details contact Robert Shaw 07742 614166

Advance Warning: "The Great East Run" (*edited*)

"The Great East Run is returning to Ipswich on Sunday 16th September 2018.

The event is required to be undertaken on the public highway, which commences in Russell Road outside both Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk County Council offices.

The event will require the following roads to be closed to enable the run to be undertaken, This will require some phasing of the road closure as detailed below:

The road detailed below will be CLOSED from **06:00 to 13:00**

The Strand (B1456), Freston Hill (B1456), Freston Street, Unnamed road (Freston).

When the event is in operation and the roads closed as per the times stated above, we will have the availability to allow public transport access / egress through section of the road closure up until 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the race at 10am.

At this point we will be required to commence a full closure with no access until such time as the event has passed and then section of the roads detailed will be open immediately to allow normal traffic flows.

Kevan Churchill General manager of Palmer (Fencing) LTD
Suppliers of traffic management for the Great East Run 2018."

Centenary of the end of World War One

11th November 2018 marks the centenary of the signing of the Armistice that marked the end of World War 1. As a village, we plan to mark this special anniversary in a number of ways.

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Michael's followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside Berners Hall. In the evening, there will be a "Battle's Over" Beacon of Light commemoration on the lawns of Ipswich High School with the village sharing with the High School. This will ceremony will be repeated in over a thousand communities across the country.

During the weekend it is planned that there will be an exhibition of information and photographs about Woolverstone's role in WW1 and its naval/nautical connections.

If you have ideas about how we could further develop our commemorations, please get in touch with me.

Events: Church service at St Michael's 10.00 and Service of Remembrance at our village War Memorial 11.00 and "Battles Over" beacon and "Last Post" shared with Ipswich High School 7.00 pm in Ipswich High School grounds.

Exhibition to include: WW1 Memorial to the Fallen; WW1 "Woolverstone Park Hospital"; WW2 "HMS Woolverstone"; LNS Woolverstone.

We would really like to have family information and pictures that would help complete the story for each serviceman from Woolverstone that gave his life in WW1. This would help them be so much more than names on the brass plaque in the Church or on the Woolverstone's War Memorial outside Berners Hall.

Here is the list of names on the War Memorial and two additional names of Woolverstone WW1 "fallen".

Pte E Baxter; Capt. H H Berners; Pte G Cattermole; Pte M Damant; Corp H Damant; Pte H Driver; Pte W S Foreman; Pte E J Garnham; Lance – Sgt H A Jackaman; Lance Corp F Jackaman; Pte W Lait; Gnr B Moyse, Pte F Rowe; Pte W Rowe; Pte C Saunders; Pte D Southgate; Corp W Southgate; Pte L Surrige; Lieut J Spencer-Warwick; Gnr S Wright.

If you could help that would be so good. Please send any information (photos/biographical details) to me: simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk or Lorraine Wildbore: lorrainewildbore@yahoo.com

A word from our Rector, Geoffrey Clement

Dear Friends

Anyone who has teenage children will know all about Attitude! Teenage children can be hard work but there is nothing more rewarding than watching them grow and develop into "adults".

I read this the other day about "attitude".

"90% of life is attitude, 10% is the hand we are dealt. We all have the power to choose what attitude we are going to have in any given situation."

We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is change our attitude to the situation that we find ourselves in. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

As the American theologian put it so succinctly: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

And just remember that most smiles are started by another smile.

I remain

Your Friend and Rector

Geoffrey

Sunday Services at St Michael's.

Sunday 5th August	10.00	BCP Holy Communion. A "said" Holy Communion in the traditional style using the Book of Common Prayer.
	11.00	Café Church
Sunday 12th Aug	11.00	Worship the Woolverstone Way
Sunday 19th Aug	11.00	Morning Prayers
Sunday 26th Aug	11.00	Holy Communion

Helping our Community

Our community is stretched out in a ribbon or linear settlement, mostly along the B1456. People at No 1 are over a mile away from people at No 38. It is hard to stay connected. One of the ways to keep connected is through supporting local events, meeting and catching up with people. I hope you will be able to support the village through the different events that have been organised. We also need your help for some of the jobs that keep the community ticking away.

Hot weather

We always ask you to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours, but in this severe hot weather it is really important. The elderly especially can be affected badly by the extreme heat and may not be as independent as usual.

Criminal activity

In this hot weather we have to remember that open doors and windows are also an invitation to opportunist criminals. Try to keep windows, especially on the ground floor, closed or on trickle if you are out. Remember not to leave valuables on the seats in your car with the window open. Keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially if you know they are out or away. Be vigilant for strangers and suspicious behaviour. If you are unsure, phone the Police on 101.

There seem to be a number of white vans on the peninsula with people ostensibly looking for scrap metal. However, it has been reported that after tapping on the door and receiving no answer they then search round the garden for anything worth stealing, even breaking into sheds. Try not to leave sheds open or tools available in the garden when you are out!

Keep an eye out for your neighbours!

Royal Harwich Yacht Club Art Group

The RHYC Art Group was founded in January 2009 by the late Sue Rolls, B.A. Hons. in Fine Art and Design. She wanted to add a new dimension to the social activities the club could offer.

The membership of the group ranges from those who are just beginning to those who are experienced artists. They enjoy each other's company and meet for eight Saturday workshops from October to March. Sometimes they have visiting artists who give them the benefit of their expertise. At other times they "paint in company" in the spirit of self-help and mutual encouragement.

They work towards an annual exhibition of our work, usually held in Spring, and organise occasional gallery and museum visits open to the wider Club membership.

The Art group aims to cover its costs. The charge for all eight workshops is £20. Visits are on a "pay as you go basis", any charge for visiting artists or speakers is dependent on their fees.

If you would be interested in joining the RHYC Art Club please contact Anna Block (Email; easytigerblock@yahoo.co.uk) for further details:

Berners Hall - Booking Secretary

Berners Hall Management Committee are looking urgently for a new Booking Secretary:

Duties to include:

1. Taking telephone and email enquiries from new and existing Hall users
2. Arranging all bookings and viewings and advising hire charges
3. Completion of hire agreements
4. Showing the available facilities to new hirers
5. Collection of payments, issuing receipts, passing payments to treasurer
6. Unlocking & locking before and after an event
7. Liaising with other BHMC members on a regular basis
8. Maintaining current Booking diary

Some of these duties, i.e. unlocking & locking, collecting payments & issuing receipts may be shared with a member of BHMC. You will need to be prepared to use your own home phone and mobile to take telephone enquiries and also an email address to receive and send electronic data. Your telephone numbers and email address will be advertised, together with your name only (no address) as being the contact for all enquiries relating to Berners Hall. Although this is an unpaid voluntary position, any reasonable incurred expense will be reimbursed subject to prior agreement. For more info please contact:

Sarah Hutton on 077540 75684 or email sarahhutton7@btinternet.com

Community Speedwatch

In order to have a continuing presence we really need people who are prepared to give a couple of hours a month to support us.

If you would like to be part of the team to help keep the traffic flow through the village to safe limits, please make contact with me. Contact details below.

If you know someone who would like to be on the mailing list please ask them to send me an email to the address below and I will add them to the group email list. Many thanks.

Best wishes

Simon Pearce. Chairman, Woolverstone Parish Council (780009. simonrpearce@gmx.co.uk)